

SPORTS WORLD'S BASEBALL SERIES OPENS IN PHILADELPHIA TO-DAY

YESTERDAY'S CARD WAS BEST OF THE MEETING

Races Well Contested, and Large Crowd Pleased With Sport Over Mile Oval.

THREE START IN STEEPLECHASE

Mo Has Easy Time and Wins Under Wraps—To-Day's Program Well Filled—Virginia Bred Horses to Run.

Yesterday's race card at the State Fair was perhaps the best of the meeting. Every event was well contested, and the sport was thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd. Unlike the previous day's events, the steeplechase was not the feature. In yesterday's event there was only three starters, and it was a walk-over for Mo, with Topright second and Meganite third.

The race that created the most interest and was easily the feature was the mile and sixteenth for three-year-olds. Scratchers brought the field down to four starters, and the jockeys took them away from the barrier in excellent shape. They ran around the track as a team until in the stretch when Sir Caladore, with Dennison up, took the lead only to lose out to Sidney Helman in the final sixteenth; Deborah finished third.

The card for the runners opened with a five-furlong dash for all ages. Seven candidates went to the post and got off well together. Meadow Beauty had a slight advantage in the first furlong, but Bergen ran into a pocket near the finish, spoiling the mare's chances to test the spot money. Hecograph, bred by R. D. Williams, and who took first prize in the morning in the ring, won the race, with Fifty-five second and Hughie Quinn third.

The final event was an exciting dash, also at five furlongs, and developed into a stretch run, in which Hecograph proved to have the most speed left, and won a length ahead of Hill Whaler. Racing Belle took third.

Three harness events entertained the early-comers, and were as closely contested as those of the runners, the 2:24 trot requiring four heats to reach a decision, while the 2:32 pace and free-for-all pace and trot were finished in straight heats.

Virginia-Bred Horses to Run. To-day's card will prove interesting. Every event filled well and the best at the track will be seen in action. The program will open with the 2:15 pace, followed by the 2:17 pace; then the runners will occupy the spotlight with four events, three on the flat and one over the steeple.

Day's sport will close with a race for Virginia-bred horses. Two owners will contest, and as each claim to have the speediest colt, the spot will not doubt be a hotly contested one.

Richard Deland, a New York banker and owner of Strathmore, winner of the free-for-all, was a visitor at the track yesterday, and has nothing but the most flattering comments to make about the meeting, track and fair.

Mr. Deland will remain in this city for the last of the season, and week and anticipates much pleasure during his stay.

Summaries of yesterday's meeting and the entries for to-day follow:

The summary:
2:24 trot, purse, \$1,000:
Azora Axworthy, Bale Axworthy (Hentschel), 2 1 1 1
Roxboro, McKim, by Keeper (Kenney), 1 2 2 3
Trusty McKim, by Keeper (Kenney), 3 3 3 2
Arlon Prince, by Sidney Prince (Lapham), 2 1 1 1
2:32 pace, purse, \$500:
Joe Promise, b. g., by Fair (Hecograph), 1 1 1 1
Akar, ch. h., by Aquiline (Griffith), 2 2 2 4
Black McKerron (Earing), 4 3 2
Drexell Logan, ro. g., by Bert Logan (Willis), 2 1 1 1
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HARD FEELING BETWEEN TEAMS ON EVE OF BATTLE

Row Between Mack and Stallings About the Use of Field for Practice Adds to Coolness.

INCLEMENT WEATHER FEARED

Athletics Favorites in Betting—Plenty of Boston Money in Sight. Many Freak Wagers Made by Supporters of Both Squads.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., October 8.—On the eve of the first battle of the series between the Braves and Athletics for the baseball championship of the world, these facts and incidents stand out with considerable prominence. Rain may cause a postponement of the game scheduled for to-morrow. At least, the local weather forecaster says so, and he enjoys an enviable reputation for truthfulness in this community.

Bender and Rudolph will be the opposing pitchers, no matter when the first game is played. The Athletics are 5 to 4 favorites in the betting on the series, and odds varying from 10 to 7 1/2 to 16 to 4 are being laid that the Athletics will win the first game.

There are tons of Boston money in sight, and the chances are that the odds may be forced down to even money before the teams go into battle in the opener. Many freak bets are being laid. "There is a bare possibility that Connie Mack and George Stallings will even the first game with a fast leg as a climax to the wordy battle in which they engaged to-day, via telephone."

Our old friend, the Ticket Scandal, is on our mind once again, but if he is careful he's liable to be jailed, as the police have orders to arrest all speculators.

THOUSANDS CONFIDENT DEAL. WILL MAKE GOOD. The Braves are confident that Charlie Deal, who will play third base for them, will fill the shoes of "Red" Smith, in an able manner.

Thousands of fans are in line outside the ball park waiting for the ticket window to open to-morrow morning, at which time 5,000 of the unreserved \$1 seats will be placed on sale.

The importance of the battle to-morrow was overshadowed to-night by the row between Stallings and Mack. It all came about through a misunderstanding as to the use of the Athletics' grounds for practice this afternoon by the Braves.

Stallings yesterday asked Mack if he could use the grounds. Mack declared to-day that he told Stallings that the grounds could be arranged. Stallings declares Mack turned down his request. At any rate, Stallings was quoted in one of the papers to-day as saying that Mack's refusal was unreasonable.

"Mack called me up to-day," declares Stallings, continuing the story, "and proceeded to pan me. He also called me a liar. I won't stand for any man to call me a liar, and I told him so. I also added that I would punch his head. That's all there is to it. I don't think I meant exactly what I said."

Mack, somewhat reticent concerning the matter, is in a forgiving mood. "It is true," Stallings threatened to punch my head, but I don't believe he meant it," said Mack. "He was a bit excited. The matter is a closed incident with me."

PRIVACY OF THE FEELING. Nevertheless, the row to-day has increased the bitter feeling that has existed between the Braves and Athletics since the latter part of July, and the feeling which has made it very apparent on the ball field to-day. If the teams are not barred from playing by inclement weather.

The Athletics refused to join the game movement for a baseball strike last summer, which was about to be called by President Dave Putz, of the baseball players' fraternity. This incensed the Braves, who were playing in Pittsburgh at the time, and they made a point of making the Athletics feel that they were a bunch of very cheap persons.

The Athletics haven't forgotten that to-night, nor have the Braves ever forgiven the Athletics, who they term "laying down on their brother ball-players."

Philadelphia is pretty well cluttered up to-night with out-of-town fans. A big delegation of the Athletics will be in the afternoon and several more are due to-morrow. Probably 1,000 fans are here from New York and other nearby points. The hotels are crowded.

Many of the New York fans came here in the hope that they could get tickets from speculators at a price that was not too exorbitant. But they have been disappointed. The speculators were very actively selling tickets around the streets peddling their wares.

The quota of tickets that has fallen into the hands of the speculators this year seems to be smaller than in other years.

One of the freaks of the freaks placed here to-night was \$100 to \$150 that Frank Baker, the slugging Athletic, will make as many or more hits in his first game as Joe Connolly, the Boston slugger, asked for in his first two. Another bet of \$75 to \$100 was made that Collins will out-hit any one of the Braves for the entire series.

FREAK BETS MADE BY EXCITED FANS. One Philadelphia fan wagered \$50 even that Bender will strike out more men and issue fewer bases on balls in the first game than will the Boston pitcher who opposes him. Bets were laid in many of the betting centers on the Athletics out-hitting the Braves as a team for the entire series, the odds being around 5 to 3. One Boston fan wagered \$50 even that Johnny Evers, the best base-stealer among the Braves, will steal as many or more bases during the series than Eddie Collins, the Athletics piling star.

"I feel confident that my boys will win the series," said George Stallings to-night when asked for his views. "I realize that we are up against one of the greatest baseball teams that ever was brought together, but I think my boys are the kind who never quit. No obstacle is too great for them to overcome. They proved that during July, August and September. They fought like no other team ever fought before. They beat everything in sight. Why should they crack or crumple now as so many people think they will do?"

The absence of Smith from third base will not materially weaken us. Deal, who will take his place, is a grand fielder and he's a timely hitter."

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PICKED BY MANY TO WIN WORLD'S BASEBALL TITLE



PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS. Those in the picture (reading from left to right) are: Top row—E. Murphy, Bressler, Pennock, Walsh, Wyckoff and Shawkey. Second row—Bender, McAvoy, Thompson, Connors, Baker and H. Davis. Third row—Strunk, Lapp, Thomas, Mack (manager), Plank, Bush and Oldring. Bottom row—Davis, Schang, Kopf, Louis VanZandt (mascot), Barry, McInnis and Collins.

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ETAHAW WINS CLASSIC TRANSYLVANIA STAKE

Unbeaten Four-Year-Old Compelled to Trot Three Fastest Heats Ever Stopped Off.

ANNA BRADFORD ALSO WINS

Has Easy Time in Pacing Futurity. R. H. Brett, a \$200 to \$140 Favorite, Wins 2:04 Pace—Billings Drives Uhlman in 1:33 1/2.

LEXINGTON, Ky., October 8.—Etahaw, the four-year-old trotting champion, continued his unbeaten career at the trots to-day by winning the classic Transylvania \$5,000 stake for 2:08 trotters in the fastest three-heat race ever trotted. A \$100 to \$200 choice over the field, the little stallion never was headed in any of the three heats. Star Winter made him the favorite in the first heat, but he was out of the race in the second heat. He won the third heat in 2:03 1/2, and the result of the three heats being faster than any previous heat in the series.

The world's champion Billy Ann Bradford, had an easy time in beating the youngsters in the pacing futurity. R. H. Brett was victorious in the 2:04 pace, the heaviest betting event in the series. The winner being \$200 to \$140 favorite. The race was won in 2:04 1/2. Baron Marquis beat a cheap field in the 2:04 pace, and Hazel Laing won over Mithril, the favorite in the 2:17 trot, unfinished from yesterday.

C. K. G. Billings drove Uhlman, an exhibition eight in thirteen and one-half seconds, but the trial of William against the four-year-old record of the Transylvania stake was postponed until to-morrow.

2:17 trot, three in five, purse \$3,000. Hazel Laing, b. m., by John A. McKerron-Barletta, 1 2 2 1 1. Mithril, b. m., by Murphy, 1 2 3 3 3. Peter Pearl, b. g. (Nickols), 1 1 4 1 4. Silver Bell, b. m. (McDonald), 2 5 4 4. Silverside, b. m., by Alice, 2 5 4 4. Best time, 2:03 1/2.

2:04 pace, three in five, purse \$1,000. R. H. Brett, b. g., by Wapline Maxine, by William C. P. (Grady), 1 1 1. King Coughman, b. g. (Stokes), 2 2 2. Del Rey, b. m. (Cowan), 3 3 3. Harry the Ghost, b. g. (Hedrick), 3 3 3. Best time, 2:03 1/2.

2:08 trot, three in five, purse \$3,000. Barred Bunty, b. m., by Sir Marquis-Akilla, 1 1 1. Vera, ch. m. (Pittman), 6 2 2. Billy Law, b. m. (Wood), 1 1 1. Bud Elliott, b. g. (Geers), 2 2 2. Sweetie F. b. m. (Dargaby), 3 3 3. Best time, 2:08 1/2.

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ROOTER CORPS ORDERED TO BROAD STREET PARK

Blues and Randolph-Macon Will Stage Gridiron Battle To-Morrow Afternoon at 3:30 o'Clock.

LOCALS AFTER SATISFACTION

Last Year the Ashlanders Gave Soldiers 20-to-0 Walloping—World's Series Scores Will Be Announced by Innings.

Members of the Bullfrog Battalion, attention! You are hereby ordered to report at the Blues' Armory at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, where you will meet by Chief Rooters Channy Rusher and George Epps. You will then proceed in heavy marching order to the field of battle—otherwise Broad Street Park. Object—to make certain persons from Ashland imagine that they are mutes.

Students from Randolph-Macon have also prepared to make known their presence by their cheering. It will be inspiring to hear these leatherstocking fellows strive to out yell each other, for it is well known that another year has rolled around and the two ends are ready for each other's gore again.

Last year the Yellow Jackets descended from the North, and before they returned to Ashland they slipped a terrible wallop to the soldiers, defeating them, 29 to 0.

All will admit that a soldier is a good fighter, and the Blues have nursed their stinging defeat until now, when one mentions Randolph-Macon, one can see the old fellows together and hear them hiss revenge.

The two eleven are as evenly matched in strength as one could desire. Both are flanked with a recent victory, and it is a certainty the affair will be a hard-fought battle.

Those are the points in a game which delight the old-time football enthusiasts.

As an added feature it has been arranged to have the game between the Blues and Athletics announced by Innings.

The officials selected for the game are Hughes (V. P. I.), referee; Johns (Randolph-Macon), umpire, and Saville (University of Virginia), head linesman.

ATHLETE INJURED BY SIXTEEN-POUND SHOT

DAVIDSON, N. C., October 8.—C. E. Mitchell, of Asheville, member of the Freshman class, was seriously hurt on the athletic field this morning, when he was struck accidentally behind the ear by a sixteen-pound shot which one of the students was throwing, and whose path Mitchell was following.

Captain William F. Fullam, superintendent of the academy, in a statement issued at the same time, announced that he approved the action of the navy athletic council.

Mitchell suffered a slight fracture of the skull and broken ear drum. He was taken to the hospital for only a few minutes, and was talking rationally after hurt fifteen minutes later. His condition is now satisfactory.

AMUSEMENTS. ACADEMY---To-night & Sat.

Matinee Saturday. David Belasco Presents David Warfield IN "THE AUCTIONEER." Prices: 50c to \$2.00.

Grayce Scott Colonial Matinees, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2:30. Every night, 8:30. Miss Grayce Scott and Company in "At Cozy Corners." Prices: 25c, 35c, 50c.

La Verne's Empire THE LUCILLE LA VERNE CO. Present THE GHOST BREAKER LOVE-LAUGHTER-MYSTERY. Prices: 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

BIJOU---All Week THE TEMPTERS A Musical Comedy Above Par. Prices: Evening, 15c to 75c; Matinee, 10c to 50c.

ACADEMY, 2 Days Tues. & Wed., October 13, 14. Matinee Wednesday, Lower floor, \$1.50, \$1.00. Balcony, 75c, 50c. Gallery, 25c.

Nights: Lower floor, \$2.00, \$1.50. Balcony, \$1.00, 75c. Gallery, 50c.

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